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PLEASE PASS MURTHY, NEW DELHI

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: RIPLEY BHUTAN EXPEDITION

REF: CALCUTTA 1604

1. PAN AM WASHINGTON REPORTS COMPLETE RIPLEY SHIPMENT ARRIVED NEW DELHI AUGUST 28 FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT FIRST AVAILABLE INDIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT TO CALCUTTA.
2. PAN AM ALSO STATES NO WAY ISSUE NEW AIR WAYBILL AS PROPOSED PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL SINCE A) ORIGINAL WAYBILL SHOWING RIPLEY CARE OF BHUTAN STATE TRADING CORPORATION (BSTC) AS CONSIGNEE ACCOMPANYING SHIPMENT, B) WAYBILL NUMBER APPEARS ON FLIGHT MANIFESTS AND C) SHIPMENT PROBABLY ALREADY IN CALCUTTA. SUBSTITUTION AIR WAYBILL WOULD AT THIS STAGE CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS THAN CHANGE CONSIGNEE EXISTING WAYBILL THROUGH AIRLINES CHANNELS FOLLOWING ROUTINE ACKNOWLEDGED ALL AIRLINES.
3. CONSEQUENTLY, PAN AM WASHINGTON TELEGRAPHED CALCUTTA PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE AUGUST 29 (INFORMATION NEW DELHI) ASKING

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CALCUTTA REPRESENTATIVE A) INSTRUCT INDIAN AIRLINES CALCUTTA

HOLD SHIPMENT PENDING CONGEN INSTRUCTIONS AND B) CHANGE AIR WAYBILL CONSIGNEE TO "HMR.H. NAMGYAL WANGCHUK CARE OF BHUTAN STATE TRADING CORPORATION" AND DELETE "ATTENTION DAWA PENJORE, DIRECTOR."

4. SMITHSONIAN HAS CORRECTED ORIGINAL GBL NUMBER H-2,031,024 TO SHOW "H.R.H. NAMGYAL WANGCHUK, CARE OF BHUTAN STATE TRADING CORPORATION" AS CONSIGNEE AND DELETING "ATTENTION: DAWA PENJORE, DIRECTOR."

5. SMITHSONIAN AUTHORIZES CONGEN CORRECT ALL COPIES GBL ACCORDINGLY INCLUDING THAT ACCOMPANYING SHIPMENT. COPY GBL CORRECTION NOTICE BEING POUCHED CONGEN.

6. CONGEN REQUESTED INFORM AND COORDINATE WITH PAN AM CALCUTTA, BSTC AND INDIAN AIRLINES URGENT EXECUTION PROCEDURES BEST DESIGNED OBTAIN RELEASE, CLEARANCE AND ONWARD SHIPMENT RIPLEY MATERIALS REACH PHUNTSOLING BEFORE OCTOBER 1.

7. SMITHSONIAN TELEGRAPHING BSTC CHANGE IN CONSIGNEE BOTH GBL AND AIR WAYBILL AND AIRMAILING BSTC AND H.R.H. NAMGYAL WANGCHUK COPIES GBL CORRECTION NOTICE.

8. NEW DELHI REQUESTED INFORM HUXLEY AND MURTHY SHIPMENT STATUS AND ASSIST ALL APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP THERE. COPY GBL CORRECTION NOTICE BEING AIRMAILED MILLS, NEW DELHI. ROGERS

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